

(Rupees in lakhs)

Year	Earnings from platform tickets	Total passenger earnings	Percentage
2003-04	3849	1329833	0.29
2004-05	4167	1411254	0.30
2005-06	6239	1512600	0.41
2006-07	1246	421827	0.30

Selling railway tickets through petrol pumps

2705. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to sell railway tickets from the petrol pumps;

(b) whether any memorandum of understanding has been signed between his Ministry and petroleum companies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has approached Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, Indian Oil Corporation Limited and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited to sell railway tickets through internet (e-tickets) from their petrol pumps/retail stores. This proposal is at preliminary stage of discussion.

Bookstall policy

2706. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the bookstall policy as laid down in Board's letter No. 2000/TGIII/464/18 Policy, dated 11th June, 2004 is being followed on in Indian Railways;